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April 14, 2014
Secretary Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Mr. Foxx,

The City of Shoreline is pleased to support the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) application for funding for the "Greening Interchanges with Multimodal Redevelopment – Seattle to Lynnwood" planning grant application.

N/NE 145th Street is an east-west corridor that connects three of the busiest north-south routes in the Puget Sound Region: Interstate 5, SR 522 and SR 99. It is an important thoroughfare in the south end of the City of Shoreline and the north end of the City of Seattle and is one of the few continuous east-west connections for several north King County cities.

With the siting of a future light rail station at Interstate 5, there is a significant need to undertake improvements to this corridor to accommodate future growth, improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities, enhance safety and accessibility, and improve transit operations. The City of Shoreline has begun a multi-jurisdictional process to identify needed transportation improvements along the corridor. WSDOT is a major participant in these discussions, as the functionality of the interchange will influence all modal operations. Shoreline has also begun land use planning around the station area, a process that will identify land uses, policy direction and development regulations to help transfer the existing single family residential neighborhood into a sustainable and livable transit oriented community. The study components proposed as part of this grant request will compliment and supplement the City of Shoreline's on-going planning efforts in this area, resulting in multimodal improvements that benefit existing and future residents and light rail riders.

The City of Shoreline believes the type of inter-jurisdictional coordination outlined in the grant proposal helps to create strong relationships between various levels of government and result in solutions that truly benefit communities. We look forward to working on this project as well as future improvements to the interchange at NE 175th Street, all of which will greatly improve mobility in the region. Shoreline strongly supports funding for WSDOT's grant request.

Thank you for your consideration of our input.

Sincerely,

Mark Relph
Public Works Director